



# STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

January 18, 2008 – 10:00 AM

Fifth Floor Conference Room  
Wallace State Office Building  
Des Moines, Iowa

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## ---Agenda Topics---

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1	Approve Agenda	Decision
2	Approve Minutes of October 2007 Meeting	Decision
3	<b>RFP for Fiscal Year 2009</b> - Attached is the Request for Proposals for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The RFP will be released on January 22.	Information (Daryl Howell and John Pearson)
4	<b>Final EIS for Highway 100 Extension</b> - A draft comment letter was prepared by the chair and staff. The board is asked to review the draft and approve a comment letter to be sent to the Iowa Department of Transportation concerning this project.	Decision (Cindy Peterson, Daryl Howell, and John Pearson)
5	<b>Proposed Bicycle Trail at Starr's Cave Preserve</b> - Details concerning the proposed Flint River Recreation Trail, a 16 mile long multi-use trail extending from Burlington to Big Hollow Recreation Area, were presented to the Board in October by the Des Moines Conservation Board. The proposed route passes through Starr's Cave State Preserve. The board tabled the proposal to allow more board members the opportunity for a site visit. Jeff Bergman, Des Moines County Conservation Board Director, is asking the board for a decision on the proposed trail.	Decision (John Pearson and Daryl Howell)
	<b>Proposed Bicycle Trail at Lamson Woods Preserve</b> – The board reviewed Jefferson County Trails Commission's proposal to extend a bicycle trail along the west edge of Lamson Woods State Preserve to connect to a greater network of bicycle trails in Fairfield at the October meeting. The board tabled the proposal to allow more board members the opportunity for a site visit.	Decision (John Pearson)
7	<b>Vincent Bluff Management Plan</b> - Glenn Pollock of the Loess Hills Preservation Society submitted a draft management plan for Vincent Bluff, a proposed prairie preserve in Council Bluffs. The board is asked to review and provide comments. Mr. Pollock will attend the meeting and be available to answer questions.	Information (Glenn Pollock)
8	<b>Hartman Bluff</b> – Urban stormwater runoff is causing soil erosion in the preserve. Assessment of the problem and identification of possible solutions will be presented by Black Hawk County Conservation Board and UNI Biology Department students.	Information (Vern Fish)
9	<b>Cedar Island</b> – A natural area along the Cedar River in Black Hawk County may be nominated as a new preserve. Background information will be provided	Information (Vern Fish)

	by the Black Hawk County Conservation Board and UNI Biology Department students.	
10	<b>Preserve Updates -</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Glenwood Resource Center</b> – The Department of Human Services (DHS) is presently considering management options for the proposed preserve. Upon the selection of a final option, a formal procedure will need to be followed, involving notification and consultation with DHS, DOC (Department of Corrections), and IPI (Iowa Prison Industries).</li> <li>2. <b>Eureka Woods</b> – A property on the northwest side of the preserve was acquired by the Greene County Road Department, which has cleared trees on part of the site. At the owner's request, the preserve boundary was checked and boundary signs were provided. No problem was noted during a field visit in November.</li> <li>3. <b>Hanging Bog</b> – The hillside seep in the preserve was used as a reference site in October by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wetland regulatory office during an analysis of revised wetland designation rules.</li> <li>4. <b>Silver Lake Fen</b> – A bicycle trail is being planned to encircle Silver Lake and to pass along the boundary of the preserve.</li> <li>5. <b>Woodland Mounds</b> – A report of possible digging near mounds in the preserve was investigated by the Office of the State Archaeologist, the Indian Advisory Council, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Warren County Conservation Board, the Preserves Board chair, and DNR preserves staff. No damage was found, but the field trip in October identified the need to discontinue mowing of the mounds.</li> </ol>	Information (John Pearson and Daryl Howell)
12	<b>Open Discussion</b>	Information (Cindy Peterson)
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Information